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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: Dr. Wheelon
[redacted] 25X1A5a1
(Physics Dept.)

DATE: 31 October 1963

Dr. Wheelon. Let me come right to the point. I am going to have to steer around a couple of things on the telephone. You are aware of the principal source of data - done in local areas. Let me tell you what is
25X1A5a1 going on. [redacted] met at the Director's request about 2-3 months ago. They looked at the whole technical field and made some recommendations. They decided that things needed tightening up. We are now putting together a group of guys, one from each of the significant organizations involved in the program. They are going to come back here to the place where we have the data and they are going to sit there and run experiments and find out what is going on. We already have some able guys in this and are going to put in some of our own people. We have been bringing in some fairly technical people. We have some good optical physicists inhouse. This task force is going to go in and decide to do some physics. Now, what we want is a guy with a fairly strong personality and one awfully good with physicists, who can ram this thing through. [redacted] suggested 25X1A5a1
your name and I am trying to put the bite on you by telephone. This will be a major commitment for about three months - about three days a week.

25X1A5a1 [redacted] There is the question of the work I have been doing, my commitment to my job, and whether I am

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appropriate. But I can't use that problem as a dodge with you.

Dr. Wheelon. You sound so unique to both Wiesner and me for this thing and I wonder if you could come in and discuss this with us further.

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[redacted] I would like to discuss this before I make a decision. We are going to be in Washington November 15th but I imagine you want this earlier than that.

Dr. Wheelon. We would rather talk to you sooner if possible.

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[redacted] I might be able to come Monday or Tuesday. Let me check my calendar at the office and call you later this afternoon and set up a time.

Dr. Wheelon. Fine. We will hear from you later today then.

END OF CONVERSATION

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Note: [redacted] is scheduled to see Dr. Wheelon on Monday, 4 November, 0900 Hours.

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